## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-19 (Canceled)

- 20. (Currently amended) A nitride based heterostructure device comprising:
  - a substrate;
  - a buffer layer directly on the substrate, wherein the buffer layer includes In; and
- a quaternary layer directly on the buffer layer, wherein the quaternary layer includes Ga,

Al, N, and In.

- 21. (Previously presented) The device of claim 20, wherein the substrate comprises one of the group comprising sapphire, SiC, ZnO, a spinel substrate, Si, anodized alumina, and AlN.
- 22. (Previously presented) The device of claim 20, wherein the quaternary layer includes about a 20% to 30% molar fraction of Al.
- 23. (Previously presented) The device of claim 22, wherein the quaternary layer further includes about a 2% to 5% molar fraction of In.

- 24. (Currently amended) A nitride based heterostructure device comprising:
  - a substrate:
  - a buffer layer directly on the substrate, wherein the buffer layer includes In;
  - a first layer including GaN directly on the buffer layer;
  - a second layer directly on the first layer, wherein the second layer includes AlGaN; and
  - a quaternary layer directly on the second layer, wherein the quaternary layer includes

AlInGaN.

- 25. (Previously presented) The device of claim 24, wherein the substrate includes one of the group comprising sapphire, SiC, ZnO, a spinel substrate, Si, anodized alumina, and AlN.
- 26. (Previously presented) The device of claim 24, wherein the quaternary layer includes about a 20% to about 30% molar fraction of Al.
- 27. (Previously presented) The device of claim 26, wherein the quaternary layer further includes about a 2% to about 5% molar fraction of In.
- 28. (Previously presented) The device of claim 24, wherein the first layer further includes In.
- 29. (Currently amended) A nitride based heterostructure device comprising:
  - a substrate;
  - a buffer layer directly on the substrate, wherein the buffer layer includes In;

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a ternary layer <u>directly</u> on the buffer layer, wherein the ternary layer includes Ga, In, and N: and

a quaternary layer <u>directly</u> on the ternary layer, wherein the quaternary layer includes Ga,

Al. In. and N

- 30. (Previously presented) The device of claim 29, wherein the buffer layer includes Al and N.
- 31. (Previously presented) The device of claim 20, wherein the buffer layer comprises a semiinsulating layer.
- 32. (Previously presented) The device of claim 20, wherein the substrate comprises a substantially nonconductive substrate.
- 33. (New) A nitride based heterostructure device comprising:
  - a substrate;
  - a buffer layer on the substrate, wherein the buffer layer includes In; and
- a quaternary layer on the buffer layer, wherein the quaternary layer includes Ga, Al, N, and In, wherein the quaternary layer includes about a 20% to 30% molar fraction of Al.
- 34. (New) The device of claim 33, wherein the quaternary layer further includes about a 2% to 5% molar fraction of In.

- 35. (New) A nitride based heterostructure device comprising:
  - a substrate;
  - a buffer layer on the substrate, wherein the buffer layer includes In;
  - a first layer including GaN on the buffer layer;
  - a second layer on the first layer, wherein the second layer includes AlGaN; and
  - a quaternary layer on the second layer, wherein the quaternary layer includes AlInGaN,

wherein the quaternary layer includes about a 20% to about 30% molar fraction of Al.

36. (New) The device of claim 35, wherein the quaternary layer further includes about a 2% to about 5% molar fraction of In.